

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and “Listings of Claims” in the application:

Claims 1-6. Canceled.

7. (Previously Presented) A foot-receiving device, comprising:

a foot-housing member at least partially defining a chamber for receiving a foot; and

a closure system for holding the foot in the foot-housing member, wherein the closure system includes a mesh or braided panel for at least partially holding the foot-receiving device on the foot, wherein the mesh or braided panel at least partially extends around the foot-housing member, over a top instep portion of the foot-housing member from a lateral side of the foot-receiving device to a medial side of the foot-receiving device, and conforms to foot shape or position changes;

wherein the closure system further includes a securing system that keeps the mesh or braided panel proximate to the foot-housing member;

further wherein the securing system includes at least one strap that extends at least partially around a portion of the foot-housing member by extending around a back heel portion of the foot-housing member.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) A foot-receiving device according to claim 8, wherein the securing system includes at least one portion of a magnetic fastener arrangement.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) A foot-receiving device according to claim 10, wherein the strap secures to the foot-housing member or to a portion of the closure system.

12. (Original) A foot-receiving device according to claim 11, wherein the strap secures via magnetic engagement.

13. (Previously Presented) A foot-receiving device, comprising:
a foot-housing member at least partially defining a chamber for receiving a foot; and
a closure system for holding the foot in the foot-housing member, wherein the closure system includes a mesh or braided panel for at least partially holding the foot-receiving device on the foot, wherein the mesh or braided panel at least partially extends around the foot-housing member, over a top instep portion of the foot-housing member from a lateral side of the foot-receiving device to a medial side of the foot-receiving device, and conforms to foot shape or position changes; and

a secondary closure system for holding the foot in the foot-housing member.

14. (Original) A foot-receiving device according to claim 13, wherein the secondary closure system includes a shoelace based securing system.

15. (Original) A foot-receiving device according to claim 13, wherein the closure system at least partially covers the secondary closure system.

16. (Currently Amended) A piece of footwear, comprising:
a sole member;
an upper member extending from the sole member and at least partially defining a chamber for receiving a foot; and
a closure system for holding the foot in the piece of footwear, wherein the closure system includes a mesh or braided panel for at least partially holding the piece of footwear on the foot, wherein the mesh or braided panel at least partially extends around the upper member, over a top instep portion of the upper member from a lateral side of the piece of footwear to a medial side of the piece of footwear, and conforms to foot shape or position changes, and

a secondary closure system for holding the foot in the upper member, wherein the secondary closure system includes a shoelace based securing system,
wherein the closure system at least substantially covers the secondary closure system.

17. (Original) A foot-receiving device according to claim 16, wherein the closure system further includes a securing system that keeps the mesh or braided panel proximate to the upper member.

18. (Original) A piece of footwear according to claim 17, wherein the securing system includes at least one portion of a magnetic fastener arrangement.

19. (Original) A piece of footwear according to claim 17, wherein the securing system includes at least one strap that extends at least partially around a portion of the upper member.

20. (Original) A piece of footwear according to claim 19, wherein the strap secures via magnetic engagement.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

Claims 24-29. Cancelled.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for securing a foot-receiving device to a foot, comprising:

inserting a foot through an opening defined in a foot-housing member of a foot-receiving device;

placing a closure system adjacent to at least a portion of the opening, wherein the closure system includes a mesh or braided panel for at least partially holding the foot-receiving device on the foot, wherein the mesh or braided panel at least partially extends around the foot-housing member, over a top instep portion of the foot-housing member from a lateral side of the foot-receiving device to a medial side of the foot-receiving device, and conforms to foot shape or position changes; and

securing the closure system to hold the foot in the foot-housing member, and

securing the foot-receiving device on the foot using a secondary closure system, wherein the secondary closure system includes a shoelace based securing system,

at least substantially covering the secondary closure system with the closure system including the mesh or braided panel.

31. (Original) A method according to claim 30, wherein the foot-receiving device is a piece of footwear.

32. (Original) A method according to claim 30, wherein the securing includes engaging at least one magnetic fastener arrangement.

33. (Original) A method according to claim 30, wherein the securing includes extending at least one strap at least partially around a portion of the foot-housing member.

34. (Original) A method according to claim 33, wherein the strap forms at least a portion of the closure system and secures to the foot-housing member or to a portion of the closure system.

35. (Original) A method according to claim 34, wherein the strap secures via magnetic engagement.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (Cancelled)

38. (Currently Amended) A foot-receiving device according to claim 713, wherein the mesh or braided panel is a braided panel.

39. (Currently Amended) A foot-receiving device according to claim 713, wherein the mesh or braided panel includes a plurality of plastic strands wherein the plastic strands each extend from at least one edge of the panel to at least another edge of the panel.

40. (Previously Presented) A foot-receiving device according to claim 39, wherein the plurality of plastic strands are in a braided arrangement such that the angles of the strands to one another produce open areas between the various strands.

41. (Currently Amended) A foot-receiving device according to claim 713, wherein the closure system includes a border around the mesh or braided panel, wherein the border is a different material than the mesh or braided panel.

42. (Previously Presented) A foot-receiving device according to claim 13, the mesh or braided panel is substantially continuous panel which completely covers the secondary closure system.

43. (Previously Presented) A foot-receiving device according to claim 38, wherein the braided panel includes a plurality of strands in a braided arrangement such that open areas are defined between the strands and further wherein the open areas between the strands contract and expand in response to movement of the foot-receiving device.

44. (New) A foot-receiving device according to claim 16, the mesh or braided panel is substantially continuous panel which completely covers the secondary closure system.

45. (New) A method according to claim 30, further comprising: completely covering the secondary closure system with the closure system including the mesh or braided panel.